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PERSONAL NOTES

Suzy Holt, librarian at Shodair Hospital, will serve as chair of the Pacific Northwest Chapter of the Medical Library Association in 1995.

Dawson Community College, Glendive and Montana State University at Billings [formerly EMC] will each sponsor collection assessment workshops in October. See the Calendar for dates. There is no charge. The workshops will help address the need for collection assessment training as identified by the Academic Cooperative Collection Development Committee. Continuing education credit for public librarians will be available. Call Andrine Haas at Dawson Community College, Jane Howell at MSU-Billings, or Mary Bushing at MSU-Bozeman for information.

The Twin Bridges Public Library has received new books developed by the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Educational Research and Improvement, the Helping Your Child series to assist parents in helping their children learn. The books offer practical advice for helping youngsters learn everything from the basics of math and science to how to read and use the library.

The Flathead County Library Board of Trustees announced that they have hired David Ellefsen of Sandy, Utah, as the new director of the Flathead County Library System. Mr. Ellefsen holds a bachelor's degree in psychology, and Master's degrees in both Educational Media and Library Science. Ellefsen began work July 11th.

MONTANA NEWS:

PATHFINDER FEDERATION: The Great Falls Public Library is in the process of selecting a vendor for a major upgrade to its computer system. The system will incorporate access to outside data bases and the Internet. Installation is expected by early fall.

Belt Public Library reorganized its library board, which had been dormant for some time, and selected a new librarian, Verna Nicola, to replace Jean Fontana, who moved to another position with the city.

Cynthia Pidcock replaced Catherine Maier who retired form Glacier County library last winter.

Author Mary Clearman Blew visited the Havre-Hill County Library to sign autographs and share her newest book Balsamroot. Also, Bonnie Williamson is walking "unassisted" by crutches these days [fully recovered from knee surgery].

Wedsworth Memorial Library is planning a partnership with Cascade School for the Internet. A grant to fund the partnership is pending.

Conrad's Summer program is built around the theme of "Our Native American Neighbors." Beginning July 5, for 2 days a week, the Conrad area first through fifth graders will be listening to stories and music and working on Native American craft projects such as Dream Catchers.

SAGE BRUSH FEDERATION: Fallon County Library - Baker: Karyn Brown is in the process of installing the Follett automation system. This past year she weeded, cataloged and added holdings to WLN in preparation.

Ekalaka Public Library: Alice Lehman has retired. Connie Wolff is her replacement.

Miles City Public Library: The Friends of the Miles City Public Library are having a fun-filled summer reading program. 250 Children have signed up and 224 attended the first activity on June 16, 1994.

BROAD VALLEY'S FEDERATION: Broad Valley's Federation is concentrating a great deal of effort towards making their librarians Internet literate. Intensive training, consulting and technical help have been offered from the Headquarters Library.

Broad Valley's Federation Headquarters is planning an intensive and in-depth workshop on Lasercat and interlibrary loan for Federation members.

SOUTH CENTRAL FEDERATION: Stanford: Phyllis Hall retired June 30th as Director of the Judith Basin County Library, where she has been director since the summer of 1979. Debra Kramer is the new director.

Red Lodge: The Red Lodge Carnegie Library has completed the interior remodeling of the "old" section of the library.

Columbus: The Stillwater County Library has received and installed new shelving [funded by the Friends] for its "new" library.

Roundup: Elizabeth [Betty] Kocab is the new Community Librarian in Roundup.

Billings: The Library has entered into a cooperative agreement with the Career Center to bring it online with its automated circulation system.

FLATHEAD COUNTY LIBRARY: On Sunday, June 26th Flathead County Library suffered an arson fire caused by firecrackers placed into that library's bookdrop. There was something over $4,000 worth of damage, primarily to the basement rug which needs to be replaced as a result of water damage. According to Sassi Forden there were only 48 items in the bookdrop; normally as many as 900 books might have been in the bookdrop by that time, but extremely good weather apparently kept people outside and away from the books. Community response to the fire has been excellent, with people bringing in money to the library to help; a local fireworks representative gave the library $800 because she was worried about her products getting a bad name from their use in the fire.

LEVY PASSES BIG IN BILLINGS: On April 5, voters in Billings approved a 5-mill levy increase dedicated to Parmly Billings Library by a vote of 6,242 to 2,247. The new levy is the first increase in the public library's funding structure in 20 years.

STATE LIBRARY: The State Library Commission, at its June 22 meeting, discussed at length the plan for changing library federations and passed by a 3-2 vote a motion that "the Federation Followup Committee meet to write a detailed charge for the task force, to write a time line for the task force, address the funding of same, and present nominees' names for Commission approval at the August meeting." It was decided that implementation of the plan would be slowed considerably and that no legislative changes would be sought during the 1995 Session. A mailing will go out to all libraries in the fall detailing the plan and the process for instituting changes.

At the same meeting, the Commission gave provisional approval to the FY95 Broad Valleys Federation Plan of Service and charged the State Library with gathering additional information from the federation prior to the August meeting. Other federation plans were approved as presented. The Commission also approved the State Library's FY95 preliminary budget.

Recently completed LSCA grant projects include DOS/Windows workshops, organized by Jim Heckel of the Great Falls Public Library, held in April and May in Billings, Missoula and Great Falls for 56 participants. Heckel reports

that the evaluations were positive and attendees said they would like to see more workshops of this type throughout the state. A second project, as reported by Jim Peters of Parmly Billings Library, provided English as a Second Language materials for seven language groups in the Billings area. These materials are available via interlibrary loan. Gene Robson, also of Parmly Billings Library, reports that the LSCA project to provide materials to the homebound and elderly has proven to be successful and that videos are especially popular with that group of patrons.

Richard Miller, State Librarian, has been elected Vice-Chair of the WLN, Inc. Board of Directors effective August 1, 1994.

A recent $5,000 grant from the National Book Foundation [NBF] made possible three "Writing Life" sessions [in Dillon, Kalispell and Helena] featuring local authors. All were well attended and reported to have been quite successful. The same proposal to NBF also sponsored a national author's visit to Helena; T.H. Watkins spoke and read at several venues in Helena. Funding for the "Writing Life" project was from the Lila Wallace-Readers's Digest Foundation.

HARDIN TEAM SELECTED for the AASL "Meeting in the Middle." Fifteen teams of middle school library media specialists, science/math/geography teachers and school administrators have been selected to attend the Higher Education Act Title IIB training institute, "Meeting in the Middle," sponsored by the American Association of School Librarians [AASL] on August 7-12, in Kansas City, Mo. The institute is designed to help team members overcome anxieties in subject areas which historically have had little contact with library media programs and to assist in the development of collaborative planning skills. The Hardin team members are Paulette Frazer, Don Gilbertson, Pat Pitsch, Mel Sargent and Kathy Sternerson.

NATIONAL NEWS

THE ADA INFORMATION DISTRIBUTION PROJECT is on schedule for a general mailing of the Americans with Disabilities Act Information File and a Press and Programming Kit to 15,000+ public libraries by the end of the month of July. This information will enable U.S.public libraries to provide comprehensive information on ADA to their patrons.

The Department of Justice [DOJ] will undertake a national public promotion, including PSA's of the availability of this information in public libraries throughout the nation. The quantity of documents received allows a mailing to only public libraries. A Spanish language translations of some of the documentation which is being prepared by the DOJ will not be ready for the July mailing.

JOB HUNTING: library patrons can tap into 1,000 employer joblines with a new directory that lists the telephone numbers of joblines. Many major corporations, governmental agencies, and educational institutions use pre-recorded telephone messages to list available job openings and application instructions to anyone who dials their job hotline telephone number. The cost of the directory is $24.95, plus $4.50 for shipping and handling. Call 1-800-346-1848.

CENSORSHIP IN SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES EXHIBIT AVAILABLE: The Long Island Coalition Against Censorship has developed a new edition of their exhibit, Censorship in Schools and Libraries. There has been an increase in censorship efforts. The new edition gives special attention to this trend. The cost is $35.00. Call 516-944-9799.

BANNED BOOKS WEEK - CELEBRATING THE FREEDOM TO READ MATERIALS AVAILABLE: The 1994 Banned Books Week -- Celebrating the Freedom to Read Resource Kits are now available. Banned Books week will be celebrated September 24-October 1. Call: ALA Office for Intellectual Freedom, [800]545-2433, ext. 4223.

SPECIAL LIBRARIES ASSOCIATION [SLA]: Mary Ann Emely has been named associate executive director of SLA, headquartered in Washington, D.C. She will be SLA's chief operating officer. The SLA is an international professional association that represents more than 14,000 information resource experts who collect, analyze, evaluate, package and disseminate information to facilitate accurate decision-making.

PORTLAND will be the site for Public Library Association's [PLA] 6th National Conference, March 26-30, 1996. PLA is focusing on five key areas: Service Audience, Resources, Community Relations, Technology, and Management. Interested people are invited to prepare proposals for giving programs at the National Conference. If there a program that you would like to coordinate or if you have attended a program you would like to bring to the National conference, please let PLA know before October 28, 1994. Call Greta Southard, Deputy Executive Director, PLA, 1-800-545-2433/ext.5028.

THE FUTURE OF RURAL AND SMALL LIBRARIES: This conference is intended for librarians, library trustees, extension agents, adult education specialists, government officials, and the general public who are concerned about the future of rural and small libraries in the United States. It is also directed to the network, system, and consortium coordinators who have responsibility for supporting America's infrastructure of public libraries. It will be held September 16 and 17, 1994 in Bismarck, North Dakota. Write Extended Studies/Continuing Education, Clarion University of Pennsylvania, 108 Carrier Administration Building, Clarion, PA 16214-1232.

WE HAVE BEEN THERE, TOO: LIBRARY BOARD ESSENTIALS FOR EFFECTIVENESS is an article that might interest library trustees. It is by Mary Biggs and Glenna Kramer, two Louisiana trustees. The article includes topics such as diversity, participation, knowledge of the law, selection of a good director, support for the director, political savvy, leaving the board, and the rewards of board service. This article appeared in the May 1994 issue of the Wilson Library Bulletin.

THE INTERNATIONAL READING ASSOCIATION [IRA] has approved a plan to continue working with the National Council of Teachers of English to develop standards for English language arts in the U.S. The organizations will ask teachers, administrators, parents, and the general public to review project materials as they are developed.

AWARDS AND GRANTS

The Francis Joseph Campbell Award recipient has been named. Richard C. Peel, retired director of the Arizona Braille & Talking Book Librarian in Mesa, is the 1994 recipient. The award, a citation and medallion, is given for contributions of recognized importance to library services for the blind and physically handicapped. Peel is a former director of Montana's Talking Book Library.

The Library of America received a grant to help the nation's public libraries. The Richard and Edna Salomon Foundation recently made a gift of $60,000 to help 600 public librarians with limited book budgets acquire the award-winning Library of America series. Call Carol Brissie, Grant Program Director, [212]308-3360.

Gale Research/ALA Ethnic Materials Information Exchange Round Table Multicultural Award nominations are being accepted. The deadline is December 1. The $1,000 award and a citation donated by Gale Research Company are given annually to persons in the library world in recognition of outstanding achievement and leadership in serving the multicultural/multiethnic community with significant collection building, public and outreach services to culturally diverse populations and creative multicultural materials and programs. Nominations should be sent to ALA, Office for Library Outreach Services, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611

The Middle County Public Library in Centereach, N.Y., is the 1994 recipient of the ALA Loleta D

Fyan Award. The $10,000 award is given to a library, library school, association, unit or chapter of ALA, or an individual for the development and improvement of public libraries and services they provide. Middle County received the award for a proposal entitled "The Development and Field Testing of a Public Library Quality Review Initiative."

Application materials for the 1995 grant will be available in September 1994, from: ALA Headquarters Library and Information Center, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago, IL 60611.

The Special Library Association [SLA] has selected its 1994 research recipients. Raya Fidel, associate professor, Graduate School of Library and Information Science, University of Washington, Seattle, and Michael Crandall, external systems requirements librarian, Boeing Technical Libraries, Boeing Corporation, Seattle, are the recipients of its 1994 Goldspeil Research Grant. Their research proposal is for a study of methods that managers and engineers select to filter information from full-text electronic periodicals. Results will be disseminated in articles in SLA publications and at a special presentation at the 1996 SLA Annual Conference in Boston.

The AASL Distinguished Service Award winner is Lucille C. Thomas, president of the International Association of School Librarianship headquartered in Kalamazoo, Mich. The $3,000 award recognizes an individual member of the library profession who has, over a significant period of time, made an outstanding national or international contribution to school librarianship and school library development.

The 1994 ASCLA/National Organization on Disability award recipient is the Broward County Library in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. The $1,000 award and a citation are given to institutions or organizations for the development of programs or services that have made the library's total service more accessible through changing physical and attitudinal barriers.

The Freedom to Read Foundation has announced its Roll of Honor Recipients. Musician Frank Zappa and the partnership of the Juneau, Alaska, school board, superintendent and school library media specialists are the 1994 recipients. The awards honor those who have taken a courageous personal stand against censorship and who have contributed substantially to the Freedom to Read Foundation's mission. The Freedom to Read Foundation is a separate organization working in close liaison with ALA.

Lotsee Patterson, associate professor at the University of Oklahoma, Norman, is the 1994 recipient of the ALA Equality Award. The award, $500 and a citation, is given to an individual or group for an outstanding contribution that promotes equality of women and men in the library profession. Throughout her career, Patterson has been a successful advocate for improved library services to Native Americans.

Gloria Twine Chisum of Philadelphia, Pa., and Herbert A. Davis of Towson, Md., are the 1994 recipients of the American Library Association Trustee Citations. The citations, given by the American Library Trustee Association [ALTA], a division of the ALA, recognize public library trustees for distinguished service to library development on the local, state, regional or national level.

"ACADEMIC STATUS: STATEMENTS AND RESOURCES, SECOND EDITION" is now available from the Association of College and Research Libraries [ACRL], a division of the ALA. The publication brings together the latest versions of all ACRL standards, guidelines and model statements approved by the ACRL Board of Directors in support of and defending the concept of faculty status. The cost is $10.95 [$8.95 for ACRL members]. Call [800]545-2433, press 7.

FORMAL PLANNING PROCEDURES are described in the new ACRL publication "Formal Planning in College Libraries, CLIP Note 19." It provides a survey of current library practices and procedures in the formal planning process. Guidance is offered in planning initiation, plan design, process elements, practical problems, side effects and outcomes. "Formal Planning in College libraries, CLIP Note 19" is $27.95 [24.95 for ACRL members]. Call [800]545-2433, press 7.

ALCTS BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPROVE ETHICS STATEMENTS: The Association for Library Collections & Technical Services [ALCTS] Board of Directors have approved two new ethics statements. The action was taken during the ALA Midwinter Meeting in Los Angeles.

"Guidelines for Association for Library Collections & Technical Services Members to Supplement the ALA Code of Ethics" was prepared by the ALCTS Task Force on Professional Ethics.

The ALCTS Acquisitions Section Ethics Task Force developed the "Statement on Principles and Standards of Acquisitions Practice."

For copies call [800]545-2433, ext 5035.

ALA ANNUAL REPORT AVAILABLE FREE: Entitled "Empowering People Through Libraries," the annual report includes special focus sections on the Library Power Program, administered by the American Association of School Librarians; family literacy programs funded by the Bell Atlantic and Viburnum foundations; the "Libraries Change Lives" public awareness campaign, and "Writers Live at the Library," a two year pilot program funded by the Lila Wallace-Reader's Digest Fund. Also included are the ALA financial statement, and highlights of ALA's legislative, publishing, awards and continuing education programs, including office and division activities. To receive a copy, contact: ALA Public Information Office, [800]545-2433, ext. 5044.

LIBRARY FUND RAISING MATERIALS NEEDED: Libraries engaged in fund raising and development efforts are asked to share their materials with a new Fund Raising Clearinghouse now in place at the ALA Headquarters Library. Among the most wanted items are foundation by-laws, information on examples of endowments, tips on grant writing and copies of successful grant applications, gift policies and donor recognition policies, job descriptions for development officers and information on tax issues and reporting obligations.

The committee is asking for five copies of each item, but single copies are also welcome. Call Sue Fontaine, SF Communications, [212]533-7226.

TWO NEW YOUNG ADULT MATERIALS BROCHURES AVAILABLE: Two new brochures highlighting materials for young adults have been developed by ALA's Young Adult Library Services Association [YALSA]. The YALSA 1994 list of recommended books for reluctant young readers is available in the "Quick Picks 1994" brochure. The list is not intended for severely handicapped readers, but some of the titles may be appropriate for those teens. Call [800]545-2433, press 7.

CELEBRATE 75 years of National Children's Book Week with Children's Book Council's [CBC] official READ ACROSS AMERICA POSTER. Bright, bold banner art graces the graphically stunning READ ACROSS AMERICA POSTER. Illustrator Lois Ehlert created the original art that serves as the official logo for READ ACROSS AMERICA, the CBC's reading-encouragement initiative in celebration of the 75th anniversary of National Children's Book Week.

READ ACROSS AMERICA POSTERS cost $25 each. To order, send a check or money order [plus $2.50 per order for postage and handling] payable to the Children's Book Council, Order Center, 350 Scotland Road, Orange, NJ 07050.

For further information about the READ ACROSS AMERICA POSTER and other Council materials, send a 6"x9" self-addressed, stamped envelope with 2 oz. first class postage and a request for "Material Brochure" to the Children's Book Council, 568 Broadway, Suite 404, New York, NY 10012.

CANCER TELECONFERENCE: You are invited to participate in a free series of evening satellite video conferences for your community. [If your library does not have satellite reception equipment, you may wish to contact your local school district or hospital to make copies of these free programs for you directly off the air.]

In September, October and November, the University of Wisconsin Hospital and Clinics will offer a free series of community education programs in conjunction with the UW Comprehensive Cancer Center. "Cancer Update '94" will include community education programs on skin cancer [9/12/94], prostate cancer [10/19/94] and breast cancer [11/16/94]. Each broadcast will consist of two 1/2-hour back-to-back programs. A toll-free 800 telephone number will be available for 30 minutes following each broadcast for viewer questions. The program could be used in many ways. You could: invite members of the public for a special viewing of the live programs; tape the programs and invite the public for a viewing at a later date; or tape the programs and add them to your community education video library.

If you do not have access to satellite reception equipment or a steerable dish, videotape copies of the programs are available at low cost. Call [608]263-6510.

INTERNET IS PRIMARY FOCUS OF SLA ANNUAL CONFERENCE: The Internet was a predominant subject of courses and conversation at this year's Special Libraries Association Annual Conference in Atlanta. Recognizing the intense interest in the Internet, nine SLA divisions pooled their resources to present Internet Theme Day. The event featured a series of informative workshops on topics ranging from the basic functions to advanced applications.

NEW BOOK FORECASTS 21ST CENTURY TRENDS: Women's salaries will increase as a percent of men's reaching 85 percent or more by the year 2000; a typical large business in 2010 will have only about one third as many managers as its counterparts today; and more than 40 percent of the work force will be involved in collecting, analyzing, synthesizing, structuring, storing or retrieving information by the year 2000. These are examples of the 75 demographic, economic, social, technological, political and cultural trends that are forecast in "Mastering Information in the New Century," a new book written by Marvin J. Cetron and Owen Davies. The cost is $31; for SLA members $25. Call [202]234-4700, ext. 643.

CALENDAR

Jul. 31-Aug. 1 MLA Board Retreat in Helena

Aug. 9 Commission meeting, changed from the 17th.

Sept. 1 Update Submissions Due

Oct. 5 Glendive Collection Assessment Workshop

Oct. 7 Billings Collection Assessment Workshop

Oct. 15-18 COSLA and Western Council meetings - Oklahoma City

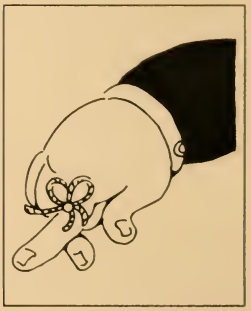
Oct. 19 State Library Commission

Oct. 27-30 Joint Mountain Plains/Nevada Library Association Conference in Lake Tahoe, Nevada. Contact Sharon Scott at 702-784-4578

Oct. 30-Nov. 1 Academic and Special Librarians Retreat - Gallatin Gateway

Nov. 3-4 SLA's State-of-the-Art Institute - "A New Frontier: The National Information Infrastructure," focusing on critical issues, such as federal legislation, regulatory developments, business initiatives, and technological innovations. To be held in Washington, D.C. Call [202]234-4700, x 616.

Nov. 9-13 American Association of School Librarians Seventh National Conference "Shape the Vision: Focus on Learning." Call [800]545-2433 x4389



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